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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **GAMO, Yasuo et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2815**

Serial No.: **09/922,786**

Examiner: **N. Drew Richards**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

May 24, 2004

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated **January 23, 2004**. A concurrently filed one-month Petition for Extension of Time extends the period of response to end on May 24, 2004 (May 23 was a Sunday).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listed of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.